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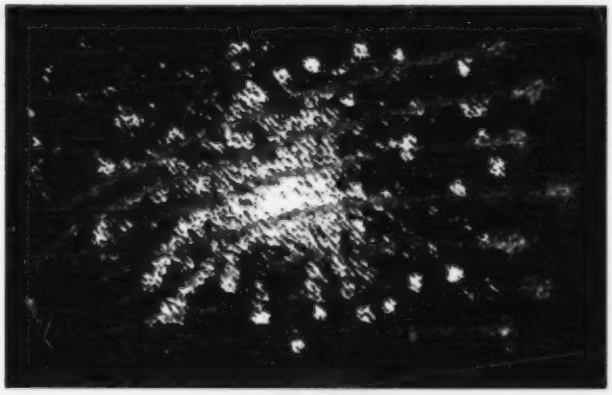

**Annapolis Royal Library took part in the town's "Christmas International 2000" celebrations by hosting a Pinata Party on Saturday, December 16. Approximately 30 children (plus adults) were on hand to participate in making a Mexican craft – 'Ojo de dios' or 'God's eye' ornaments - and enjoy the breaking of the pink fish pinata. Dorothy McDonald, Manager of the Annapolis Royal library branch, shared two Christmas stories with the group and talked to the children about holiday celebrations in Mexico and the legend of the Poinsettia. Hot apple juice was enjoyed by all.**

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### Other Branch News

In late November, both the Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown Libraries hosted library tours and orientations for each town's Family Matters Resource Center, with approximately 25 adults and pre-schoolers in attendance.

Two author presentations took place at the Wolfville Library in November. Gaspereau Press hosted a reading by Glen Hancock which entertained almost 45 people. An author reading and musical evening, sponsored by Boiling Kettle Press, saw Heidi Priesnitz read from her new book, a novel entitled "Drifting." Music was provided by Ken Shorely with attendance totalling about 25 people.

Mobile Branch East was invited to participate in the New Minas Santa Claus parade. The bus was decked out with Christmas lights and oversize laminated book jackets. Staff enjoyed the outing and even had their photos taken with Santa! Mobile Branch East staff also hosted a bookmobile orientation for 5 and 6 year olds at Three Mile Plains District School. Boxes of books are usually delivered to the classroom for this age group, which generally does not get to visit the bus, so this was an exciting adventure for all. Mobile Branch West continues to offer storytime at several day care centres and nursery schools.

Branch staff and patrons have been very pleased with recent computer programmes put on in several of our libraries thanks to funding from a LibraryNet initiative.

### C@P - Community Access Program

The region was successful with all five of the CAP proposals submitted in October to the Technology & Science Secretariat. The branches receiving funding will be Berwick, Hantsport, Kingston, Middleton and Port Williams. These locations will have new equipment purchased. Each location will have some funding for staffing. Staff will conduct computer training sessions similar to those that have been so successful under the LibraryNet program.

### Computer Training/Information Sessions

The demand for computer and Internet help sessions continues to be high. Nine of the eleven locations have been taking advantage of a LibraryNet program designed to hire youth to work with technology in libraries. As the current program comes to a close, other opportunities to support this type of service are being pursued. The CAP funding will continue the program in five locations; three other locations are being considered for youth funding through HRDC. And proposals will be submitted to Industry Canada's LibraryNet program in the new fiscal year. The region is planning to target the fall season again in 2001.

Feedback on the program, in the form of calls to headquarters and comments to staff, has been very positive.

### Smart Communities

The region's contribution to the Smart Communities project is a virtual library, which is being developed in partnership with the Western Counties Regional Library with funding from the Smart Communities Initiative. The benefits of cooperating in this way are many: sharing ideas, brainstorming, and cost efficiency. The virtual library will be accessible through a web page that will allow our users to receive library services from outside the walls of the library. Dynamic new ideas are being considered and explored, resulting in exciting promotional opportunities for the region.

## Cape Breton Regional Library (CBRL)

The McConnell Library is excited to be part of a demonstration study sponsored by Natural Resources. Advance Glazings (North Sydney) manufactures Solera which is an insulated translucent glazing unit. These units are being installed in the 12 skylights in the childrens' section of the Library.

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By applying Solera to these windows, natural light is enhanced. Studies show that natural light enhances human performance, and common sense tells many of us that we feel better working in natural light. McConnell is one of three sites in the industrial area chosen to be part of the demonstration study.

Cape Breton Regional Library is very happy to be participating in Hackmatack again this year. Hackmatack authors Karleen Bradford and Karen Dudley will be offering readings in the local area. Thanks go to Monika Sormova (Coordinator of the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award) for the work at her end to make these author visits possible.

The Gates Lab instructor Jim Campbell has accepted a position with Statistics Canada in Ottawa. His last day was January 15, 2001. Jim worked at the McConnell Library in various capacities. While in high school, he worked as the after-school student, and while in university he worked as the summer student. Although staff are sad to see him go, they wish him all the best in his new position, and are confident that he will do well.

## Colchester-East Hants Regional Library (CEHRL)

### Theme Christmas Trees

This year Truro Branch and headquarters staff decided to create theme trees to decorate the reading rooms. Small 40 cm trees (40 cm high) were purchased and decorated in themes such as cherries, white roses, candy dog bones and many other combinations!

Left: The two display cabinets in the front lobby also housed miniature Christmas trees decorated with vintage ornaments as shown.

### Family Christmas Party

Parents with children of all ages came to participate in the annual Family Christmas Party which was held on Saturday morning, December 9th, in the auditorium of the Truro Branch. The story teller, Clare Miller from Musquodoboit Harbour, enthralled all those present and as usual, the parents were the most avid listeners as they had not been read to since the Christmas party last year! Families brought plates of their favourite cookies along with the recipes to share and Youth Services staff provided beverages and crafts. It is always a very happy occasion to which families return over and over again...

### The Cider and Snaps Christmas Reception

Wonderful smells of cider and gingersnaps wafted through the main reading room of the Truro Branch during the annual seasonal treat to patrons. The usual one-day event was extended to a week this year and many patrons, particularly seniors, came to listen to quiet music and enjoy their refreshments while choosing their books or checking the Internet.

### The Mobile spreads the Christmas spirit

Early one morning, the mobile driver laid a package on the desk of his co-worker and suggested that she "put this on for the day's run." When Marilyn opened the package she found a set of cloth reindeer antlers affixed to a headband! When she turned to protest, she found Allister decked out for the season in a Santa's hat with lights blinking around the "fur" brim. Armed with this seasonal enthusiasm they drove off to their stops spreading humour and good will.

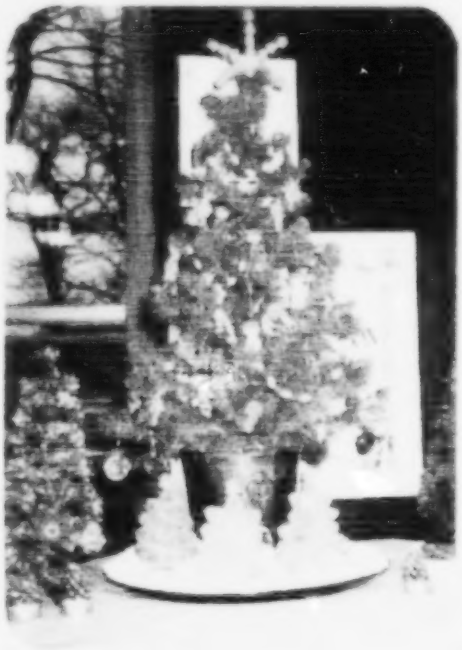
### PRO workshop

CEHRL staff delivered a workshop on PRO ( Prospect Research Online) in mid-December in the Gates Learning Centre. Participants were from the Colchester Community Workshop Foundation and found the database useful and easy to use. More members of their board will be coming in at a later date to receive training and those now trained plan to use the Gates Learning Centre on a regular basis. Since this first workshop, CEHRL has had

**several other groups for PRO training and staff plan to produce a bookmark to promote this database to other organizations in the community.**

### Leslie Foster on staff

**Beginning January 8th and for the next 3 to 6 months, Leslie Foster will be working as Administrator of Automated and Technical Services. Welcome aboard, Leslie!**



**Right: One of the miniature trees decorated with candy in the reading room in the Truro Branch.**

## Cumberland Regional Library (CURL)

**The big news in Cumberland over the month of December was the burning of the Bookmobile one week prior to it's last run. The fire started around 3:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning December 19th. Police spotted the fire while on routine patrol and unsuccessfully attempted to put it out. Damages are estimated to be over $10,000. Provincial library and Cumberland staff have been working hard to sort out what library materials were lost in the fire and to clear up the computer records. Staff have also been busy answering inquiries from the press and public regarding the incident.**

**On a more positive note, successful Hackmatack games and activities took place in January. Book Club meetings continued to attract interest and an *Introduction to Cross-stitching* class was presented.**

## Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

**A snow covered January and the seals are basking on the ice in the Causeway! Branch and rural outreach services were at a somewhat slower pace in January because of quantities of snow and poor road conditions and many rural patrons chose online distance services as an alternate way of requesting reading materials.**

**On another note, a Family Reading Program is due to begin in early spring and the training which library staff recently received in the Web Awareness Program will be put to good use.**

**Looking at the three counties, the Richmond County Literacy Network is taking a proactive approach to expanding and increasing information flow among the County's service providers. The Library is among the partners who have gathered around the table to contribute to this literacy initiative.**

**In Guysborough County, the RDA is conducting a survey of all CAP sites. All partners will then begin the first**

stages of planning a County wide approach to CAP services.

At the Inverness Council, funding discussions for the Libr@ry Links sites are ongoing. At the Inverness Links site which is situated within the Inverness Education Centre, the school has been very generous with donations of furniture and shelving.

Fred Jack, longtime resident of the District of St. Mary's, proudly displays his library card at a recent Guysborough County Business Expo held in Mulgrave. Seated is Linda Travis, the Library's Chief Executive Officer.

## Halifax Regional Library (HRL)

### Cole Harbour Community Access Site Officially Opens

The Cole Harbour Public Library and Cole Harbour Place successfully opened the Cole Harbour CAP Site this January. Residents of the Dartmouth East, Cole Harbour and Westphal area have new training opportunities available to them - using the Internet, e-mail, and word processing applications, as well as basic computer instruction. In addition to the seven computers donated to the Cole Harbour Library through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, CAP participants have access to a mobile computer unit located in Cole Harbour Place, and a computer assigned to an outreach programme.

The CAP site has received positive response from the community - computer classes have all been booked, including a very popular basic Internet instruction for seniors. A news programme on local cable television produced a segment introducing the CAP Site and interviewed seniors participating in the classes. Most participants had never used a computer before and were thrilled to have the opportunity to learn these new skills. The Cole Harbour CAP Site's community web page can be accessed at http://www.coleharbourcap.ca.

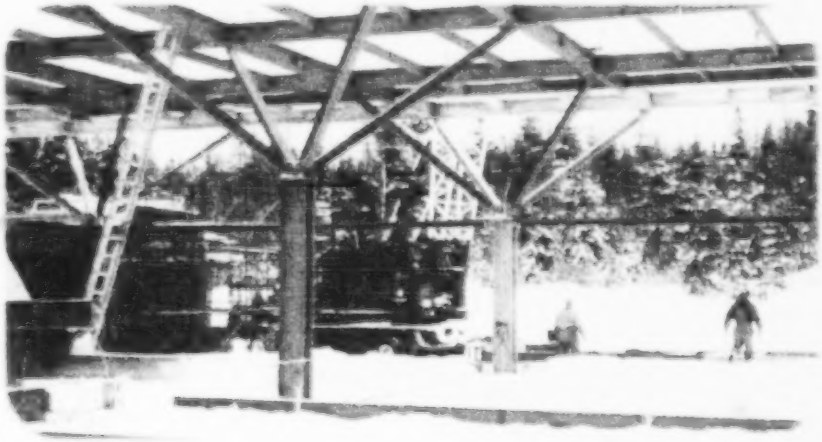
The Cole Harbour CAP Site was officially opened by (left to right) Cathy Burgess, Lifestyle Coordinator, Cole Harbour Place; Councillor Brian Warshick, Halifax Regional Library Board; Wendy Lill, MP, Dartmouth; Councillor Ron Cooper, District 4, and Karen Parusel, Nova Scotia CAP Coordinator, Industry Canada / Nova Scotia Technology and Science Secretariat.

## The newest branch of the Halifax Regional Library is starting to take shape

**A milestone in the construction of the new Keshen Goodman Public Library was reached this January as the Dartmouth-based construction firm, Maxim Construction Incorporated, erected large steel support columns approximately 18 feet tall. They were raised on the library's concrete foundation at the north elevation of the building on Lacewood Drive in Halifax.**

**These columns are a distinctive feature in the design of the library building. Visible from the building's exterior, the columns will branch out, resembling trees found in the Mainland Common park surrounding the library. Structurally, they will support the 18-foot ceiling in the main library hall which will feature full height glass walls. These impressive steel pillars complement the other building materials, wood, glass and stone, and are especially designed to facilitate the building's ability to blend with its natural backdrop.**

**Located in the Clayton Park area of Halifax, the Keshen Goodman Public Library will serve the needs of a rapidly growing community. The 25,000 square foot library, over twice the size of the Thomas Raddall Public Library, will have a collection capacity of over 100,000 volumes, a family computer area, a computer training room, meeting rooms and spacious reading areas for children and adults as well as a café arranged around a cosy fireplace.**



**Architectural and planning specialists, HOK Canada / Urbana Architects Corporation is the project team working**

on the Keshen Goodman Public Library. Construction is expected to be completed by summer 2001.

## Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL)

Planning has begun on the implementation of a new project to be in place this spring. Called the Antigonish Reading and Information Literacy Project, this one-year initiative has as its main objective to create new foundations of learning that will help in the development of reading and information retrieval skills among preschoolers and their parents in Antigonish communities. The new position of Community Information Services Trainer will be created to assist Lorraine Fennell, the Antigonish Outreach Coordinator. Under the Coordinator's supervision, they will provide one-on-one and group training to the targeted group on the use of library and electronic information services. A publicity campaign will be launched to reach the community and rural preschools.

Patron use of the new Technology Trainers is up as more patrons continue to book 30-minute training sessions for Internet, software, and hardware training. The Pictou County CAP Coordinator, Bernice Cameron, reports that since the service began in October of last year all seven branches in the region have experienced increased usage of the new service. All age groups are taking advantage of the free assistance, with young adults representing the largest percentage. Technology Trainer Coordinator Heather McKinnon says that response to the new service has been very positive, adding that in some towns the not-for-profit sector is creating their own websites with the assistance of the trainers. Thanks to the programme, computer literacy in the region is on the increase among users of the library system.

To view construction progress of the new River John Library and Innovation Center via the library-cam, please go to the website of this small north shore village at www.riverjohn.com and click on "Our New Library." Taken from an upstairs window of the existing library across the street, the image is updated every 30 minutes. While it may be blurred sometimes due to the window fogging up, most of the time it lets staff keep an eye on activities in downtown River John. The opening date for this uniquely funded facility will be spring of this year.

### Programming news

Local lawyer Harry Munro gave a talk on wills and estate planning January 24th. Always well received, Harry has been giving free information sessions around the county for years, bring his years of experience and practical advise to appreciative community groups.

Always eager to support local writers, PARL recently hosted a session for writers of all levels and types to determine if there is enough interest in the county to form a writers group. As a vision of retired fundraiser, Ray Pierce, he hopes to create a forum in which county writers can help each other in the publishing trade, foster creativity, and provide mutual support in the sometimes-isolated endeavour of writing. While fifteen writers attended, ten more sent regrets. The attendees were very positive and look forward to the next meeting February 12th.

Local author and motivational speaker, Doug Logan of Ideahouse Group Development gave an hour long information session January 18th on Benchmarks of Excellence, a self-evaluation programme aimed at the not-for-profit sector that assists members in improving their fund-raising activities and focusing their community profile.

As part of African Heritage Month, PARL was very pleased to be hosting educator, poet, author, and screenwriter George Elliot Clarke for an author reading February 2nd.

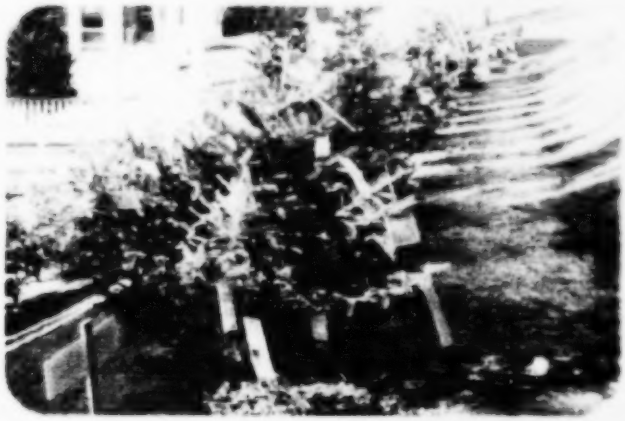
**Funding for this event was arranged by a three-way agreement between the New Glasgow High School, The Black Educators Association of Nova Scotia, and PARL. Halifax author George Borden will be giving a reading February 22nd from his self-published book of poems on the black experience in Africadia, *A Mighty Long Way!***

**Don Cameron, a Private Lands Forester with the Department of Natural Resources will be holding a Public Information Session February 8th for private woodlot owners on the new Forest Sustainability Regulations to come into effect February 28th. With forestry being an important part of our economy in this region, PARL expects that a large group will be seeking details on this controversial new legislation.**

**In an outreach effort to teenage students of local high schools, PARL invited teacher Isaac Saney of St. Mary's University International Studies Department to give a lecture on the development model of Cuba to the Global History class of the Stellarton High School.**

**Programmes in the works include a few events with the local chapter of the Women's Institute, information sessions on women's health issues, and for elementary school students, children's author Debi Van de Wiel will be reading from her latest book, *Birthday Treasures*.**

## South Shore Regional Library (SSRL)



**Lunenburg gets into the Christmas spirit in a big way every year with its *Once Upon A Lunenburg Christmas* weekend featuring a candlelight procession through town streets, an open air market, the arrival of Santa aboard a scallop dragger and many other activities. When the switch was thrown to light up the 53 Christmas trees in the town square this year, the Lunenburg branch was well represented. The decorations on each tree symbolize the sponsoring organization's business, so the library tree was decorated with bookmarks of course.**

### C@P is in full swing in Liverpool

**The computers are humming at the Liverpool C@P site, located on the lower level of the DeWolfe Memorial Library. The site has been operating since fall 2000 and will be officially launched with an opening ceremony in February 2001. The six computers are being well used during library hours. Automation has even given Liverpool patrons an extra hour of 'open' time for public service for Liverpool patrons, as staff have been freed from several time-consuming manual tasks.**

## Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL)

### Volunteer Orientation

**The CNIB in cooperation with Western Counties Regional Library hosted a Volunteer Orientation on January 29th at the Yarmouth branch library. The purpose of the orientation was to combine the library's Reader's Friend programme and the CNIB volunteer programme. The idea to combine the programmes came about after discovering that the majority of the Reader's Friend borrowers are visually impaired.**

This orientation, conducted by the CNIB, introduced the causes of, and discussed living with, visual impairment. By providing background information, the CNIB hopes to create a solid base for volunteers to better meet and understand the reading needs of visually challenged individuals. Working with volunteers is yet another step in the formal partnership, which was formed between WCRL and the CNIB in the fall of 1999 when the library saw a need to enhance its delivery of large print and talking books to borrowers who are visually impaired.

### Staffing Notes

**Mike Durkee has been hired for two years as a Library Mentor. The position, funded by the Southwest Shore Development Authority and WCRL, involves public and staff training in the Gates Computer Lab and training at other CAP sites across the region. David Coulstring has been hired part time for forty-eight weeks to develop web content for the WCRL home page. His position is funded by the Community Access Program.**

### Other News

**A three part Web Awareness series began at the Yarmouth branch library on Thursday February 1st with the module called *Safe Passage*. The second module, *Fact or Folly* will be presented on March 1st, and a third segment titled *Kids for Sale* will be held on April 5th.**

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (LIT) PROGRAM, NOVA SCOTIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### Profile of Kingstec LIT Graduates

The NSCC estimates that approximately 25 new Library Technicians (LTs) will graduate in June 2001 from the Kingstec and Bell Road (Halifax) Campuses. Here is a snap-shot of what some LIT graduates from June 2000 are doing.

- **University of Calgary (working as a cataloguer in the Bibliographical Services Department and getting plenty of training on different systems and the nitty-gritty of cataloguing)**
- **Working with the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library helping with library programming (exciting stuff such as tracking down authors to speak and creating new, fun groups of people to meet and exchange ideas at the library)**
- **Managing a N.S. school library (doing everything that from unpacking to cataloguing to working with the students - with not a great deal of time to come up for air!)**
- **Managing the day-to-day operations of a NSCC campus library**
- **Working at casual positions within libraries and records centres in Ottawa**
- **Working at the following Nova Scotia institutions:**

  **Ocean Nutrition Canada (Bedford); Lester B. Pearson Canadian International Peacekeeping Training Centre (Clementsport); Halifax Regional Library; Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary's University; NS Department of Community Services.**

**Once students graduate from the program, the real learning starts to take place! These examples point to the nature of the jobs that LTs are taking on as they enter the world of work.**

### Nova Scotia Community College Library Services

The mandate of the NSSC Library Services is to support and encourage learning through the provision of information resources, services and programs. September to December 2000 saw the realization of a College wide library service to students, faculty and staff. Achievements were reflected in a number of areas and through new and exciting initiatives. These included:

- **An enhanced web site with additional full text databases to support business and information technology programs, the development of subject guides and information on Campus libraries and services**
- **Opening of the Annapolis Valley Middleton site library**
- **Renovations to the Strait Area Campus library**
- **Extended hours of service with most Campus libraries now open evenings and weekends**
- **Increased role of library staff in Campus activities, including Campus Management Teams, orientation week, open house and special events**
- **Programme based collection development, reflective of the new School model**
- **Record use of library databases and circulation of materials:**

  **- 22,404 full text items viewed, printed, downloaded or emailed from the databases**
  **- 15,736 information requests processed by Campus library staff - 8,950 items circulated - 187 orientations and workshops delivered to 3,086 students - 1304 items catalogued**

- **Promotion of Campus library resources to community members:**

  **- Campus libraries welcome members of the Community to borrow, browse and become aware of the great library resources**
  **- Campus libraries house special collections covering such topics as community economic development, quality assurance and entrepreneurship**
  **- Most Campus libraries have convenient evening and weekend access**
  **- Some Campus libraries are host to community CAP sites**

**Check out the College web site at http://www.nscc.ns.ca under Learning Resource Centre or visit your local Campus library for a tour and brochure.**

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (SLIS)

This month the focus of our column is our current Researcher-in-Residence, Sharon Munro. Sharon is currently on sabbatical from her position as a reference librarian at the Leddy Library, University of Windsor. The Leddy Library's Home Page provides access to a wide array of electronic resources and services, including electronic versions of various library guides. The guides contain very useful subject-specific information about library resources and services but are not interactive. It was decided that several online, interactive tutorials needed to be developed to teach students to use the Leddy Library's online catalogue, electronic databases, and the Internet effectively.

**Sharon is spending most of her sabbatical year reviewing the literature on Web page design techniques, examining other applicable Web sites, taking courses on Web page design and developing interactive tutorials. Sharon has also given several in-class guest lectures on a variety of topics to students at the School. She will be giving a community lecture in the SLIS Friday Lecture Series, on February 9th, at the MacMechan Auditorium. The title of Sharon's talk is: "Space - the Final Frontier: is the Library Without Walls the Ultimate Solution?"**

**Future columns will highlight other projects ongoing at the School. For further information about these or any other SLIS activities and programmes contact the Director, Bertrum MacDonald, at macdonal@is.dal.ca, (902) 494-2472 or visit the web site at: http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis.**

# NEW PERSPECTIVES IN RESOURCE SHARING FROM THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA

**(Submitted to the Nova Scotia Provincial Library Disseminator by Carol Smale, Director, Resource-Sharing Services, National Library of Canada.)**

When we think about sharing our library resources, the first thing that comes to mind for most of us is interlibrary loan. As you know, the National Library of Canada (NLC) has always supported this kind of resource sharing throughout Canada and the world, but now, with the development of a variety of web-based services, NLC and many of its clients have begun to have a whole new perspective on what resources can be shared and how.

## DIGITAL PROJECTS

**One way in which the National Library shares its collections more widely is through its ever-expanding digital collections at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/digiproj/edigiact.htm. There are now over 30 different projects on our website covering topics as diverse as children's book illustrators, gardening and military history, with more being added regularly.**

**Several of the projects include audio, for example the Virtual Gramophone at http://www2.nlc-bnc.ca/gramophone/src/home.htm, which contains over 900 early 20th century recordings of songs as well as a set of informative articles and biographies; Oscar Peterson : A Jazz Sensation at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/oscarpeterson/ophomee.htm, an online version of our onsite exhibit; and the Governor General's Literary Award Winners at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/events/readings/govgen/index.htm, several years' worth of recordings from the annual gala readings held at the National Library. You might want to note that the National Library plans to revamp its site in coming months to give greater prominence to digital projects.**

## COLLABORATIVE DIGITAL REFERENCE SERVICE

**Coming soon from a library near you: reference service on a 24x7 basis! The Collaborative Digital Reference Service (CDRS) at http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/digiref is designed to provide professional reference service to users anywhere, anytime, through an international, digital network of libraries. As you read in the November issue of The Disseminator, the National Library of Canada is an active participant in the trial project. More than 60 libraries of all types have now joined us to share in the further testing and development of this exciting project and OCLC has recently signed an agreement with the Library of Congress to provide technical and development support to CDRS.**

**To further support this innovative sharing of resources, discussions are underway regarding several potential enhancements to the basic CDRS reference service. These could include associated real-time chat functionality, linked knowledge base access, and document delivery/interlibrary loan links, all of which will contribute to the provision of full, networked end-to-end user service.**

## CANADIAN LIBRARY GATEWAY

**Your gateway into the shared resources of Canadian libraries continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Since our survey over the summer, we have added a large number of links to libraries, catalogues and library directory information into the Canadian Library Gateway with one result being that you can now access over 1600 Canadian library home pages through the Gateway at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/gatepasse. Updates are ongoing and we would always appreciate receiving any reports of new information or changes to the directory data. We have also been adding new catalogues into the Virtual Canadian Union Catalogue (vCuc) at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/vcuc-cccv/indexe.htm; there are now twenty-seven individual and grouped Z39.50 catalogues in the vCuc and the number continues to grow.**

**INVENTORY OF CANADIAN DIGITAL INITIATIVES**

**Trying to find out what kinds of things have been digitized by Canadian libraries? Looking for a way to let others know what you are digitizing? The Inventory of Canadian Digital Initiatives at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/initiatives/erella.htm is a good place to start. A web-accessible database that describes Canadian resources created for the Web, the inventory has grown to include over 115 entries from across Canada and to cover a wide range of subjects, genres, and types of materials. The searchable database includes digital information products that institutions or individuals are currently creating, planning or that they have completed. The centralized database also helps to reduce potential duplication and to promote resource and information sharing among institutions, organizations, and individuals. To register your collection, please complete the online submission form available at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/initiatives-bin/cindi.**

**CANADIAN INFORMATION BY SUBJECT**

**For information about Canada from a worldwide perspective, you can't beat Canadian Information by Subject (CIBS) at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/caninfo/ecaninfo.htm. CIBS provides links to more than 6,000 websites from around the world with information about Canadian places, personalities, groups, events, policies, activities or themes, including everything from the Canadian Bird Trends Database (Environment Canada)at http://www.cws-scf.ec.gc.ca to A Sense of Belonging - Somali Settlement Experiences in Canada at http://collections.ic.gc.ca/somalia, from Gabrielle Roy at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/roy to the Gilles Villeneuve Museum at http://www.villeneuve.com/intro.htm. We are updating the site regularly and are constantly seeking new websites to include. CIBS' unique feature is its arrangement by subject, with bilingual subject indexes.**

## NEWS FROM IBBY CANADA

**The Canadian Section of the International Board on Books for Young People has rounded up the year 2000 with a slate of special events - celebrating the IBBY Canada's 20th anniversary, and presenting this year's national awards to outstanding contributors in the field of children's literature.**

**In honour of IBBY-Canada's 20th anniversary, a travelling exhibit of all past Canadian nominees to the IBBY Honour List has been created, and the show is now touring the country. The exhibit includes 20 years of Canadian nominations (for illustration, text and translation in both English and French) as well as the full international list of books for the year 2000. IBBY honour list books are chosen for their outstanding quality, their strong representation of the culture and character of their native country, and their suitability for translation, making this display an extraordinary retrospective. Host cities are Vancouver (December 12 to January 12 at Vancouver Public Library), Montreal (January 18 to February 8 at Westmount Public Library) and Toronto (February 15 to March 8 at the Lillian H. Smith Branch, Toronto Public Library). A commemorative catalogue has been published featuring the works on display, as well as articles on children's literature by notable members of the Canadian children's literature community, and this is available for sale through IBBY Canada.**

**The Elizabeth Mazrik Cleaver Picturebook Award for the best illustrated book of 1999 in Canada was presented at the National Library on December 7th to Michele Lemieux for her thought provoking and imaginative book *Stormy Night*, published by Kids Can Press. *Stormy Night*, with its evocative and illuminating black and white illustrations presents a young child's philosophical questions about life and the universe, and was praised by the jury members for its "originality and exceptional style."**

**December 14th saw the presentation of the Claude Aubry Award to internationally acclaimed Toronto book designer Michael Solomon. In 1990 Solomon acted as curator for the *Canada at Bologna Exhibit*, a retrospective of Canadian illustration shown at the Bologna Book Fair. He is also a well known supporter of children's book organizations across the country. The Aubry Award is given biennially to an individual who has made a substantial contribution to Canadian children's literature and Solomon joins a distinguished group of recipients.**

**On the international scene, the winner of the 2001 IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award was announced. This year's prize will go to the Children's Reading Development Programme in the Pechenga District of Russia - a northwestern region located between the Polar Circle and the Arctic Sea. This programme focuses on establishing strong reading habits among children and their families and includes a literary club that organizes lectures, meet-the-author events, competitions, and art exhibitions. A children's literary café and an art school have been established, as well as a two-room children's library. Initiated by IBBY and supported by the Japanese newspaper company Asahi Shimbun, the prestigious IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award of one million yen ($14,000) has been given annually since 1988 to a group or an institution which by its outstanding activities has made a lasting**

**contribution to reading programmes for children and young people.**

**IBBY is a dynamic non-profit organization supported by a global network of people who are committed to bringing books and children together. IBBY believes in the ability of children's books to bridge cultures and promote understanding, and now has over sixty national sections around the world. IBBY Canada brings Canadian books to the world stage, and shares information about the latest in children's book publishing and literacy from the international scene. For more information about IBBY see the web site at www.ibby.org. For the latest newsletter and happenings on the IBBY-Canada scene check out our national web site at www.ibby-canada.org. For further information, contact Karen Dahl, Atlantic Councillor-IBBY Canada at agkd1@nsh.library.ns.ca.**

# NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY NEWS

## NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL/REGIONAL LIBRARIES ANNUAL REPORT 1999-2000

**"Access the World", the Nova Scotia Provincial/Regional Libraries Annual Report 1999-2000, highlighting the activities of the Nova Scotia regional public library system, was released in January 2001. Print copies are available from Barbara Jordan, Tel: 902-424-2400, Fax: 902-424-0633 or jordanbj@gov.ns.ca. It will also be available in pdf format soon on the NSPL website.**

## NCOMPASS EXTRANET

**In tandem with the re-design of NSPL's public web site, NSPL is working on an Extranet site for the use of full NcompasS members. Pamela Perry (right) has recently joined NSPL under the LibraryNet program to work on this project. She will be working closely with Mike Purcell, Automation Specialist (left). A graduate of CDI with a Network Technician Diploma, Pam is getting her first taste of automation in a library context.**

**As many of you may know, initial development for an Extranet site was done last year by Rod Tucker. NSPL will be building on his good work and developing new applications and information sources. With careful attention to the needs of NcompasS members, the Extranet is expected to be an effective means of disseminating information - both to and between members. Access to the most current NcompasS documentation, detailed information on registration for upcoming events, a single searchable staff directory - these are among the resources currently planned for the site. Content will be refreshed and developed frequently to reflect the changing needs and interests of NcompasS member libraries.**

**Look for an announcement on the unveiling of this new Extranet site soon!**

# TRAINING NOTES

## USER SERVICES SECTION WORKSHOP INFORMATION 1996-2000

The workshops that the User Services Section have offered to the regional public libraries over the last five-year period are now all on-line, with links to the full-text of the workshops and guides at http://www.library.ns.ca/reference/workshops/index.html. Please note the latest addition, the Search Guide to "Prospect Research Online" prepared by Carol Morris. The subscription database "Prospect Research Online" is available at one location in each region for library staff and the public.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORKSHOPS AND GUIDES**
**Advanced HTML Workshop 1999**
**Basic/Intermediate Level Searching on the Internet Workshop 1996-97**
**Current Awareness Workshop 2000**
**HTML Introductory Level Workshop 1998-99**
**Tourism & Recreation: Atlantic Canada Bibliography and Exercises (April 1999)**
**Global Tourism Workshop Bibliography and Exercises (Oct. 1999)**
**Job Searching on the Internet Workshop 2000**
**Canadian Legal Resources Part 1, 1998-99**
**Canadian Legal Resources Part 2 - FolioViews, 1999**
**Reference Tips Refresher Workshop 1996**
**Researching Company Information on the Internet Part 1 - Canadian (Nov.1999)**
**Researching Company Information on the Internet Part 2 - American (Nov.1999)**
**Search Engines for the Beginner Workshop 1999**
**Search Guide to "Prospect Research Online"**
**Statistics Canada Workshop 1999**
**Virtual Collection Development Workshop 1998-99**

## STAFFING NOTES

**Editors Note: This is a correction to the November 2000 article "Barry Donovan's Retirement from Learning Resources and Technology (LRT)."**

**It should be noted that Barry Donovan did not have any input on the Hackmatack work. The Hackmatack logo was designed by Shannon Bell at the Pilot Design company. After she did the Logo design, all other conceptual use of the design (that is the web work and letterhead used for all correspondence and the brochure etc.) was done by Michael Vandenburg using Shannon's original Hackmatack logo. The logo is the property of the Hackmatack Society. Thanks to Carole Compton-Smith for pointing this out.**

**The Nova Scotia Provincial Library/Learning Resources and Technology Christmas party was ably led this year by a team determined to involve everyone!**

**Left to Right: Stacey Cote,Elizabeth Parnell and Craig Dutton - quizzing the assembly on their knowledge of Mexican history and culture!**

**The results on December 13 were hilarious, and many thanks go to Stacey Cote, Elizabeth Parnell, Shirley MacLeod, and Jackie Bowman for organizing a wonderful party.**

**Left to Right: Wayne Hamilton as Santa, parading his reindeer a.k.a. Michael Gillis, Michael Colborne, Shirley MacLeod, and Don Goss.**

## HOT HOT TIPS & UPDATES

### FREEDOM TO READ WEEK

**Freedom to Read Week (February 25 to March 3, 2001) encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed them under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Read the Freedom of Expression Report Card (published March 2000), a survey of Canadian organizations and individuals who aid or impede freedom of expression in this country at http://www.freedomtoread.ca/committee/report.htm. Find out how you can get involved in the celebration at http://www.freedomtoread.ca. Freedom to Read Week is sponsored by the Freedom of Expression Committee of the Book and Periodical Council, and receives support from writers, publishers, librarians, educators, booksellers and readers.**

### IEI-SCHOOLS PROJECT: ON-LINE PERIODICAL DATABASE

**All public schools in the province now have access to an extensive periodical database from EBSCO. The 2-year agreement also provides a rich professional development collection for teachers. Students, teachers and school board curriculum staff have access from school/work and home.**

**Canadian MAS FullTEXT (TM) Elite**
**Canadian Reference Centre**
**Middle Search ®) Plus**
**Primary ®) Search ZPlus**
**Professional Development Collection**
**ERIC ®) Database**

**For more information, please contact Michael Jeffrey at 424-2461 or jeffrem@gov.ns.ca and visit http://lrt.Ednet.ns.ca/IEI-Schools.**

### MEDICAL SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA NEW WEB SITE

**The Medical Society of Nova Scotia recently unveiled their new web site: http://doctorsns.com. The site includes both a public section with a variety of consumer health information, and a members only section. Among other online medical resources, the members only section includes Infotrac's Health Reference Centre. The Society chose to include this consumer health resource so that both the public, through their regional libraries, and physicians, through this web site, have access to the same information. Penny Logan has been coordinating this initiative, called the Electronic Bookshelf project. She has attended meetings of the Reference Contacts Group and the Library Public Awareness Group to discuss the philosophy behind the development of the site as well as the potential for joint promotional opportunities. For more information, please contact Penny Logan, 468-8935, ext. 222.**

## FIRST EASTERN HORIZONS CONFERENCE GREAT SUCCESS!

**St. John's was the location for the first Eastern Horizons Children's Literature conference, October 20-21. Approximately 1300 delegates descended on the Hotel Newfoundland to celebrate the very best in Canadian children's literature. Janet Lunn traced the history and development of children's literature in Canada at a wonderful keynote address. As one of our most noted and celebrated writers, Janet's wisdom and humour got the conference off to just the right start. The first evening was topped off by a delightful performance by the Newfoundland Symphony Youth Choir. The CANSCAIP Collection of Children's Book illustration was also on display.**

**The following two days were filled with a variety of workshops - on one hand, there were sessions with authors and illustrators who presented their work. On the other hand, there were sessions geared mostly for teachers on how to use books in various ways in the curriculum (with some good programme ideas for librarians too!) The sessions were a virtual "who's who" of Canadian Children's Literature, and it was a real treat to meet and talk to writers whom one may have only previously known through their work. Authors in attendance included Tim Wynne-Jones, Linda Granfield, Marie Louise Gay, Kenneth Oppel, Kit Pearson, Barbara Reid, Joan Clark, Ian Wallace, Welwyn Katz, Kevin Major and Sheree Fitch (and more!)**

**There were autograph sessions throughout the conference, and Granny Bates Children's Bookstore provided a large selection of books for sale. On the social side, there was a banquet (where they even offered second helpings -now, how often does that happen?) with Newfoundland music and humour provided by "Sods and Rhymes" and a great selection of door prizes. There was also a luncheon with Joan Clark as the featured speaker. The organizing committee for Eastern Horizons did a super job and put on a first-class conference.**

## WRITERS' FEDERATION OF NOVA SCOTIA (WFNS) CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Staff and members of the Nova Scotia Drama League got dressed up in dramatic style for the party!**

**Left to right: Jane Buss, Executive Director of WFNS; Norene Smiley, Past-President, and Laura Jolicoeur at the WFNS party**

**Jane Buss, Executive Director, WFNS, hosted a Christmas party on December 8, along with the other members of the Cultural Federations of Nova Scotia, at their offices at 1113 Marginal Road. The photos show some of the exuberance still left over at year's end, as the WFNS celebrated with members and neighbours such as the Nova Scotia Drama League! For those of you who don't know, the Nova Scotia Provincial Library receives a free copy of the WFNS newsletter, Eastword. You can read excerpts from it (and learn more about WFNS activities for 2001) at http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Culture/WFNS.**

## HUMAN VALUES IN A TECHNOLOGICAL AGE TELECONFERENCE

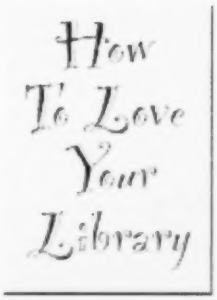
**On January 19, the Nova Scotia Provincial Library hosted *Human Values in a Technological Age,* a teleconference featuring Michael Gorman, Dean of Library Services at Henry Madden Library, California State University, Fresno. Mr. Gorman began with a review of the technology that existed in 1901 and described its influence on library services. For the round table session, Mr. Gorman was joined by Lesley Williams, Information Services Librarian, Evanston Public Library, Illinois. Gorman and Williams presented their views on the current situation of technology in libraries and the role of the library professional to safeguard human values within the institution.**

**Topics of discussion included information overload, copyright of electronic texts, and the need for adequate preservation of electronic resources. Mr. Gorman described what he terms the core values of library service, which include: democracy, stewardship, service, access, privacy, commitment, rationalism and equity of access. Another contributor to the teleconference, Jenny Pompe, Reference Assistant and artist, College of DuPage, described her concern for the demise of the printed book. By using books in her artwork, Pompe "hopes to make people feel uncomfortable and make them think about what we could be losing".**

**Videotapes of all the teleconferences sponsored by the College of DuPage and presented at NSPL are available on inter-library loan. Contact Bernadette Kennedy at (902) 424-3791 or kennedba@gov.ns.ca for more information about any of the teleconferences. Upcoming teleconferences include: *Agents, Bots* and *Intelligent dots: The Technology Behind Electronic Document,* to be aired March 23, 2001.**

## LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH

For planning public library activities during February, there is a wonderful source of inspiration to be found at the Library Lovers' Month website at **http://www.calibraries.org/librarylovers**. Library Lovers' Month, February 2001, is a month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types. This is a time for everyone, especially library support groups, to recognize the value of libraries. The website is sponsored by The Friends & Foundations of California Libraries.



## REFERENCE ON THE NET

**Here are some more reference questions referred to the Provincial Library by the Regional Public Libraries. They were answered from resources found on the Internet.**

**Q. The patron is looking for a book written by a Czechoslovakian woman doctor who served at an outport community called Rencontre West on the south coast of Newfoundland. The book was based on her experiences as recorded in her diary in the 1930s through 1950.**

**A. The collection of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies can be searched by logging on to Unicorn, the MUN Library Catalogue at http://info.library.mun.ca. At the Unicorn search page click on Archives at the top of the screen and then choose "CNS - Centre for Newfoundland Studies Archive." At this search screen, enter "rencontre" as the keyword in the "Search Everything" field. This brings up a record which identifies the name of the doctor as Ilka Deutsch Dickman. Using this name, the title of the book, *Appointment to Newfoundland* was then found by going back to the Unicorn database search screen.**

**Q. Patron wants historical information and pictures of the fishing schooners built on the south coast of Newfoundland between 1930 and 1955.**

**A. The Newfoundland Periodical Article Bibliography at http://www.mun.ca/library/cns/pab.html can be searched by entering "schooner$" in the "Search Everything" field of the search screen. This brings up a list of articles about schooners which you can browse through for relevant ones.**

**Another source is The Maritime History Archive which can be searched by logging on to Unicorn, the MUN Library Catalogue at http://info.library.mun.ca. At the Unicorn search page click on Archives at the top of the screen and then choose "MHA - Maritime History Archive." At this search screen, enter "schooner$" as the keyword in the "Search Everything" field. This brings up a list of articles about schooners which you can browse through for relevant ones. The Maritime History Archive at http://www.mun.ca/mha can be contacted for access to useful documents.**

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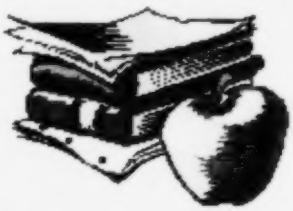

**With so many digital collection sites now on the web it is difficult to decide which sites to feature but an attempt has been made to choose some of the best and they are described here. (Editor's note: We've described two of the National Library sites discussed elsewhere in this issue, giving readers more information on how to search the sites.)**

**Canada's Digital Collections at http://collections.ic.gc.ca is a bilingual site with links to over 375 web sites on Canadian history, geography, science, technology and culture. The sites are created by young Canadians under contract to Industry Canada and they can be accessed by subject or by an alphabetical listing. There is an Aboriginal Digital Collections link on the left side of page.**

**The Inventory of Canadian Digital Initiatives is an aid to locating Canadian digital resources on the web. The Inventory is part of the National Library of Canada web site at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/initiatives/index.html and is available in French or English. It is a listing of general digital collections, resources on particular topics, and reference sources and databases. Resources can be located by keyword search or listed by Resource Name, Organization, Subject, Province, Genre, Type of Material, Organization Type or Project Status.**

**Some of the digital sites are databases of graphic images such as the Bodleian Library/Toyota City Imaging Project: A Collection of Motoring and Transport Images from the John Johnson Collection of Printed Ephemera at http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/toyota. To search the database click on "Browse the Whole Database" and scroll to the bottom of the page where there is a keyword search button. Click on this and again scroll to the bottom of the page where you can enter a keyword to perform a search. You can also browse the database by type of transport (motor cars, carriages and coaches, bicycles, ships, railways, and others).**

**The Art Museum Image Consortium (AMICO) database at http://www.amico.net is a catalogue of images contributed by member museums in North America. This is a collection of approximately 65,000 works of art which is being added to frequently. The thumbnail image, title, artist and owning institution can be viewed for free, but to see the enlarged high quality image and related enhanced information, a subscription is necessary. The catalogue can be searched using Simple Search or Advanced Search.**

**Early Canadiana Online at http://www.canadiana.org is a bilingual site produced by The Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions (CIHM). It is a digital library of primary sources in Canadian history. Currently there are 3,100 books and pamphlets in digital format on the site with plans to add many more. Access to the documents is by keyword search or you can browse by title, author, subject, publisher or date.**

**The oldest Internet digital collection is the collection of literary works no longer covered by copyright on the Project Gutenberg site at http://www.promo.net/pg. On the home page you can browse or search by Author or Title. Complete lists of Authors and Titles are also available. There are now texts of over 3,000 books on the Project Gutenberg site.**

**The On-Line Books Page at http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books was founded in 1993 by John Mark Ockerbloom and is hosted by the University of Pennsylvania Library. It currently has over 13,000 titles listed. The books which are listed must meet certain criteria including being fulltext and free and no longer covered by copyright or have copyright permission for use on the web. Serials such as magazines, newspapers and journals are also listed whenever an archive of the complete contents exists. You can browse by authors, titles, subjects and serials and in addition you can search by authors and titles. In the Archives section there are many links to general digital collections such as Project Gutenberg and to subject specific digital collections such as The Best Children's Literature on the Net at http://www.geocities.com/Paris/Jardin/1630.**

**Web sites which were featured in previous "Linked" columns are now arranged by subject category on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at http://www.library.ns.ca/provlib/brochure/refser.html. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at morrisc@gov.ns.ca.**

## PROFESSIONAL READING

**In this month's column, two books on building libraries, recently added to our professional collection, are featured. These items can be borrowed through regular interlibrary loan channels. Please send requests via email to Dale MacMillan at inshpl@nshpl.library.ns.ca.**

**Building libraries for the 21st century: the shape of information. Edited by T.D. Webb. Jefferson, NS: McFarland & Co, 2000. [ Call # Prof. 022.3 Bui ]**
**According to its editor, this book is not intended to be a "how to" manual on designing and constructing a library building. Instead, it presents the assembled construction experiences of the contributors who are librarians and**

**architects, as a means by which one might see the directions that libraries and librarianship are likely to take in the foreseeable future. The resulting presentations cover everything from technology to management, architecture to library instruction, building materials to symbolism and a great deal more.**

**Woodward, Jeanette A. Countdown to a new library: managing the building project. Chicago: American Library Association, 2000. [ Call # Prof. 022.3 Woo].**
**The basic assumption of this book is that the traditional division of responsibility between building professionals and librarians is no longer adequate. The author argues that the modern library building has become so complex that it tends to grow of its own accord; figuratively reaching out in every direction, without clear or consistent guidance from any individual. The author's intention in writing this book, is to outline the kinds of information needed to embark on a building project.**

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